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SETTING UP OF TRIBUNAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petitions filed by the serving and retired defence personnel in the High Courts regarding service matters during the last three years and the number of petitions still pending;

(b) whether the Union Government is considering setting up a tribunal to deal with the service matters and appeals arising out of verdicts of the court martial concerning the three services;

(c) if so, whether the modalities and other details have been worked out;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(e) the time by which the said tribunal is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The number of petitions filed by defence personnel in the High Court during the last three years is 6394 and the number of petitions pending disposal at the end of the year 2002 is 1969. Most of these cases pertain to service matters.

(b) to (e): A proposal to establish an Armed Forces Tribunal to deal with service matters and appeals arising out of the verdicts of the court martial concerning the three services is under active consideration of the Government. The modalities and other details of the Tribunal are being worked out.